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Letter dated 8 June 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Azerbaijan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 29 May 2012 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia addressed to the Secretary-General (A/66/818-S/2012/377).

It has been internationally recognized, including by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council, that the Daghlyq Garabagh (Nagorno Karabakh) region and seven surrounding districts of the Republic of Azerbaijan have been occupied by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia. The aforementioned letter, including its attachment, is further factual evidence of Armenia's direct responsibility for the military aggression against Azerbaijan and its continuing effective control over Azerbaijan's occupied territories.

The puppet separatist entity established in the occupied territory of Azerbaijan, which the Permanent Representative of Armenia attempts to propagate through his letters, is nothing but the product of aggression and racial discrimination against Azerbaijan and its population. This ethnically constructed subordinate separatist entity is totally under the Republic of Armenia's direction and control and survives only by virtue of the latter's political, military, economic and other support. The illegality of this entity and its structures has been repeatedly stated at the international level in the most unambiguous manner.

In my previous letter, dated 16 May 2012 (A/66/808-S/2012/330), on a military parade held by the leadership of the Republic of Armenia in the city of Khankendi (occupied Daghlyq Garabagh region of Azerbaijan), on the basis of analysis of the types of weaponry demonstrated at the parade, I presented irrefutable facts attesting

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to Armenia's political and military control over, and its continuing military build-up in, the occupied territories of Azerbaijan. In addition to these facts, I would like to draw your attention to the following information:

- Special forces marching at the parade were armed with a new model of "Kalashnikov" submachine guns, which are identical to the gun type modernized by Ukraine. According to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, 16,500 pieces of these submachine guns were imported by Armenia from Ukraine in 2010
- 12.77 mm M-93 "Black Arrow" sniper rifles were displayed at the parade. According to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) small arms and light weapons information exchange, Armenia imported 250 pieces of M-93 "Black Arrow" sniper rifles from Serbia between 2007 and 2008
- Four pieces of 273 mm WM-80 "Typhoon" multiple rocket launcher systems purchased, according to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, by Armenia from the People's Republic of China in 1999, were demonstrated at this parade and during the one held in Yerevan on 21 September 2011. These rocket systems are listed on the information exchange within the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and the OSCE Vienna Document, and belong to the Independent Artillery Brigade dislocated in Balahovit, Armenia
- Mi-8MT and Mi-24 type attack helicopters demonstrated at the parade in Khankendi have been listed in the annual information exchange of Armenia in the framework of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe and the OSCE Vienna Document, and belong to the 15th Aviation Base dislocated in Yerevan
- 9K72 "Elbrus" operational-tactical missile systems ("Scud-B" in North Atlantic Treaty Organization classification), which for the first time had been displayed at the parade held in Yerevan on 21 September 2011, were also paraded in Khankendi as a weapon system belonging to the armed forces of Armenia
- The almost identical scenarios and modalities of military parades held in Yerevan and Khankendi demonstrate that both parades had been planned, equipped, trained, organized and orchestrated from the same military chain of command in Armenia

The foregoing points to the fact that Armenia can easily move accounted for and registered military equipment from its territory to the occupied territories of Azerbaijan without any disclosure that has to be made within the United Nations transparency measures in armaments, as well as in accordance with the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe.

The weaponry displayed at the military parade in Khankendi indicates that Armenia is in breach of its obligations as an end-user under arms import operations, including, in particular, by exporting or transferring procured armaments without the agreement of the exporting States, and not reporting these operations within the existing information exchange mechanism of OSCE.

The facts presented in my previous letter, dated 16 May 2012, and above once again confirm Armenia's direct military aggression and policy of occupation against

Azerbaijan. They also constitute a blatant violation by Armenia of its obligations under international law, as well as its respective commitments under the existing arms control regimes to which Armenia is a party.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and the aforementioned information circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 35, 39, 67 and 83, and of the Security Council.

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